

name, *Helix stagnorum* Gmelin, 1791. His choice of the older name was an attempt to define this nominal taxon which up to then was poorly understood. He did not fix a type specimen for *H. stagnorum*, however, and his species concept was legitimately overturned by the actions of Bank et al. (1979) in designating a neotype in such a way that the name became applicable to a species which up to then had not been recognized as existing in north-west Europe. At the time of Radoman's (1977) paper, *H. stagnorum* was generally considered to be a senior synonym of *T. ventrosus*, based on the statements of Dollfus (1912) who examined shells from the type locality of *H. stagnorum* but did not recognize the presence of both species there. Consequently, it is clear from Radoman's (1977) own synonymy and description, and the discussion given by Bank et al. (1979) on the effects of their neotype designation, that Radoman misidentified *H. stagnorum*.

In addition to the provisions in the application, I propose that the International Commission be asked:

to use its plenary power to set aside all previous fixations of type specimen for the nominal species *ventrosus* Montagu, 1803, as published in the binomen *Turbo ventrosus*, prior to the lectotype designation by Bank, Butot & Gittenberger (1979).

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**Comment on the proposed designation of *Buprestis nitida* Rossi, 1792 (currently *Anthaxia fulgurans* (Schränk, 1789)) as the type species of *Anthaxia* Eschscholtz, 1829 (Insecta, Coleoptera)**

(Case 3118; see BZN 57: 97–99, 227)

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I strongly support Svatopluk Bílý's application to designate *Buprestis nitida* Rossi, 1792 as the type species of *Anthaxia* Eschscholtz, 1829: acceptance of any other of the originally included species as the type would lead to great problems in the taxonomy and nomenclature of *Anthaxia*.